First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

Why was not the resolution of the District Board to abolish the railway cess given effect to ?

First Member of Council.—

But there is the responsibility for repayment and until that is discharged, how can it be removed ?

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

With reference to answer (13), is it right for the Board to redeem their own bonds at 20 per cent discount ?

First Member of Council.—

They are not responsible for the fluctuations in the market rate.

By Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao (Bowringpet Rural).—

*Q.—13. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) the capacity of the Ramasagara tank in the Bowringpet Taluk ;

(2) the extent of wet lands which were expected to be irrigated at the time of restoration of the tank ;

(3) the number of representations received during the last ten years to the effect that the supply of water in the tank was inadequate for the entire atchkat under it, that No. II (old) channel should be got repaired and that water from channel No. III should be let into channel No. II, and the action taken thereon ;

(4) whether any officers have inspected the spot and if so, the times of inspection and opinions formed by them ;

(5) the extent of lands below the tank relinquished for want of adequate supply of water ;

(6) whether it is a fact that water was refused to the lands of Thatepalli village included in the atchkat of the tank in question by the Public Works Department ; if so, the reasons therefor ;

(7) whether any remission of wet assessment has been granted in respect of the above lands;

(8) whether any remission of wet assessment has

been granted during the past 15 years in respect of lands below the tank, which could not be cultivated with wet crops;

(9) whether any remission for the year 1926-27 was granted in respect of the above lands; if not, why;

(10) the amount of travelling allowance paid to the officers who inspected the channels;

(11) whether the Government are willing now at least to make proper arrangements for the supply of water to the entire atchkat lands.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—13. (1) 1,730 units.

(2) 1,261 acres.

(3) Records do not show any such definite representation as having been received.

(4) 1. Yes. 2. Details not readily available. 3. The opinion formed by Superintending Engineer, Mysore Circle, is that the maintenance of the No. 2 channel has been neglected and the channel should be put into order.

(5) No information available in this department; but no lands appear to have been so relinquished.

(6) Lands of Thatepalli are not included in the atchkat.

(7) Does not arise.

(8) No information available.

(9) No information available.

(10) Information not readily available.

(11) The water supply in the channels has been satisfactory on the whole. Proposals for improving sluices and for doing maintenance work for the channel are under investigation in the Public Works Department.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

With reference to these questions, MR. B. SRINIVASA RAO explained that he had to send them up with a view to invite the attention of Government to the utter neglected condition of the tank.

THE DEWAN said that the Revenue Commissioner would go to the spot and do the needful if representations were made to him.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

The answer given to No. (5) sounds like a surmise. Is there no documentary evidence to give a definite reply ?

Revenue Commissioner.—

No lands have been relinquished so far for want of water-supply.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

Was any good crop raised in the atchkat during the past 15 years?

Third Member of Council.—

Requires notice.

Mr. M. Venkatasami Gowda.—

May I know how the petitions asking for remission of wet assessment presented to the Jamabandi officers disposed of?

Third Member of Council.—

Requires notice. If the tank had the normal supply of water, the Jamabandi officer is not expected to enquire about the crop.

Mr. Gurumurtiacharya.—

With reference to reply (4), were no records available in the Sub-Division Office ?

Third Member of Council.—

Because the records were not available, the Superintending Engineer had to inspect the tank and give his opinion.

Mr. Gurumurtiacharya.—

Were not diaries maintained by the inspecting officers?

Third Member of Council.—

Yes ; but they will be preserved only for a limited time and destroyed afterwards.

Mr Venkataramane Gowda.—

Are not Government going to repair No. II channel ?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

The No. II channel is in a higher level. Some of the lands under its atchkat cannot be irrigated. Therefore the upper channel will have to be improved by opening the sluices. The expert opinion is that it could be improved by having sluices of suitable sizes.

Dewan.—

The Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner will inspect the tank and take suitable action.

BY MESSRS. D. S. MALLAPPA and M. BASAVAIAH (Tiptur Rural), G. K. MALLAPPA (Tiptur Urban), KALEGOWDA (Turuvekere Rural), KANCHAPPA (Chiknaikanhalli Rural), SURAPPA (Sira Rural).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state the number of schools of different grades that have been either newly started or have been converted into *pukka* Government schools in each of the years 1925-26, 1926-27 and 1927-28?

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—16.

Serial No.	Number of schools opened or converted	Years		
		1925-26	1926-27	1927-28*
1	Aided Primary Schools converted into Government ..	236	257	40
2	Government Primary Schools newly started	139	173	35
3	Primary or Incomplete Middle Schools developed into Middle Schools	17	19	9
4	Number of Practical Instruction Classes newly opened ..	11	..	1
5	High Schools newly started ..	2	1	..
6	Aided High Schools converted into Government	..	1	..

* The number shown against 1927-28 indicates the number of schools of different grades sanctioned; number actually opened has to be ascertained.